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Aerostar to invest $8.6 million in Romulus plant

> *We are happy to be keeping them home and helping them grow.*

Governor Gretchen Whitmer joined officials from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) last week to announce that Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machining provider Aerostar Manufacturing is expanding operations in the city of Romulus, where it will create up to 62 jobs.

The expansion is expected to generate a total capital investment of $8.6 million, supported by a $200,000 Michigan Business Development Program performance-based grant. Romulus was chosen for the project over competing sites in Georgia and Indiana, the governor said.

"My administration has been laser focused on growing our economy. We're working hard in a bipartisan fashion to ensure Michigan's business climate and talented manufacturing workforce can thrive and create more jobs. That work paid off over the last year, and my administration added 220,000 jobs to help businesses bounce back,"said Whitmer. "Today, we're celebrating Aerostar's expansion in our state. This is great news for workers, their families, and our economy as we continue putting Michiganders first."

Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight said he was equally excited about the project and keeping the company in the city.

"They took advantage of our fast-track development program and were able to meet the timeline," McCraight said. "We are happy to be keeping them home and helping them grow."

Aerostar Manufacturing specializes in CNC machining and assembly for the automotive, heavy truck, defense, aerospace and other key industries and markets. The company currently has 131 employees.

Aerostar officials said the company will establish a new manufacturing facility in Romulus for light to medium manufacturing, CNC machining, assembly, and other related industrial activities.

"After a careful analysis, we decided to expand our operations in the state of Michigan vis-a-vis states of Georgia or Indiana. We are thankful to Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation and the City of Romulus in helping us navigate every step of the application process in order to obtain various state and local benefits," said Aerostar Manufacturing CEO Lalit Goel.

McCraight said he was most excited about keeping high-quality jobs from machinists to software engineers in the city.

"I have to give credit to the state for stepping up. If it hadn't been for the MEDC, we could have lost them," he said. "We did our part and the state did theirs."

Aerostar is a minority owned business and more than 50 percent of the company workforce is from minority or underrepresented communities. The company promotes from within through on-the-job and external training, Goel said. In addition, Aerostar assists employees with childcare or wraparound services by collaborating with partnerships and nonprofits, he added. Individuals interested in careers with Aerostar can visit https://www.aerostarmfg.com/careers/.

The Detroit Region Aerotropolis has approved a 50-percent property tax abatement in support of the project.

Sweet stuff

Maple Syrup Tours will begin at Maybury Farm

A sweet rite of spring is under way at Maybury Farm in Northville.

The annual Maple Syrup Tours at the farm demonstrate the gathering of sap from the trees and the processing of maple syrup in hands-on experiences. As an added attraction to the authenticity of the process, tours begin with a tractor-drawn wagon to the Sugar Bush where visitors walk into the woods (sugarbush) and learn about maple trees, how to tap and how to collect the sap. Next stop is the Sugar Shack to watch the sap converted into maple syrup. Visitors will have an opportunity to taste the finished syrup.

As the tour ends, visitors can head inside the Maybury Farm General Store where hot drinks and snacks are available to purchase. Maybury Farm will be selling Pure Michigan Maple Syrup and other maple products. The free "Cooking with Maple Syrup" recipes will be available, and the Batter Up Waffle Truck will be serving up breakfast topped with Pure Michigan Maple Syrup sold at the farm. Visitors can also visit the animals while at the farm.

Maple Syrup Tours begin promptly at 12:30, 1, 1:30, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, and 4:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday, through March 27. To schedule a private Maple Syrup Tour for groups of 15 or more, call (248) 704-9211. No reservations are required for the Maple Syrup Tours. Tour wagons leave every half hour and are limited to not more than 22 people. Masks are not required but are highly recommended. The cost is $10 per person, with children under the age of 2 admitted with an adult. Visitors should dress warmly and wear boots to walk into the sugarbush, organizers advised.

Maybury Farm is operated by the Northville Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and is a working farm with a mission to connect the community to animals and agriculture through hands-on experiences that are both engaging and educational.

Maybury Farm is open to the public Tuesday-Sunday beginning April 7. The farm offers Farm Tours, Storytime, Farm Camp, special events, birthday parties, and a fall Corn Maze. Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. It is 1-1/4 mile west of Beck Road on Eight Mile, 1/2 mile west of Maybury State Park. Enter at the Maybury Farm sign, do not enter the State Park. Parking is free at Maybury Farm. For more information, visit www.maybury-farm.org or www.facebook.com/maybury-farm

Ford Road boulevard plans are discussed in Canton

A whole new look is planned for a section of Ford Road in Canton Township.

Michigan Department of Transportation Project Manager Adam Penzenstadler revealed plans for the 1.6 section of the road from I-275 to Sheldon Road during a recent township board of trustees study session.

While Penzenstadler stressed that the main objective of revamping the boulevard was safety and the reduction of vehicle crashes in the area, OHM representative Ben Weaver described the plans as an effort to create a destination rather than just a pass-through for drivers.

The landscaping plans include the installation of acrylic panels of assorted sizes in the median, explained Weaver, who worked with the members of the township boulevard subcommittee to design the area.

"We're looking to make the Ford Road corridor more of a destination than a place people simply pass through," Weaver told the trustees. "The panels provide a nice pop of color and can be tailored to fit each individual block. They could be used to promote the township's way-finding elements."

Trustee Sommer Foster who worked with the landscape subcommittee said they had been working on the design since May 2021.

"Our priorities were for low-maintenance landscaping and to give the Ford Road corridor more of a modern look; we want people to know they're in Canton as soon as they enter the corridor," Foster said. "At first I was concerned with the panels, but I feel they will really work out well and improve the feel of the corridor."

Weaver assured the trustees and those in attendance that the panels would not interfere with motorists' visibility. He said the panels would be installed in a way to prioritize safety. In addition, Weaver said, all the landscape plantings would be native and easy to maintain.

The project is not expected to be complete until 2024 or 2025 explained Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Coordinator Amy Hamilton. She said the DDA will be responsible for the landscaping aspect of the boulevard.

"The acrylic panels are something that can't be found in other cities and townships around here so it would be a distinctive feature that people would identify with Canton," she added.

Artist's rendering of the proposed panels on Ford Road.

Canton

Court hearing set tomorrow for son accused of killing father

The teen son of a Canton Township police officer is scheduled to appear in court tomorrow on charges he shot and killed his father.

Hayden Jagst, 18, of Brighton, is charged with open murder, two counts of felony firearm, carrying with unlawful intent, and carrying a concealed weapon in connection with the fatal shooting of his farther on June 21, 2021. Edward Jagst, 48, a Canton Township Police officer was pronounced dead at the scene when police officers were called to the home on Woodlake Drive in Brighton by the defendant's sister. She identified her brother as the shooter to police and told officers that he had threatened to kill himself before he fled the home.

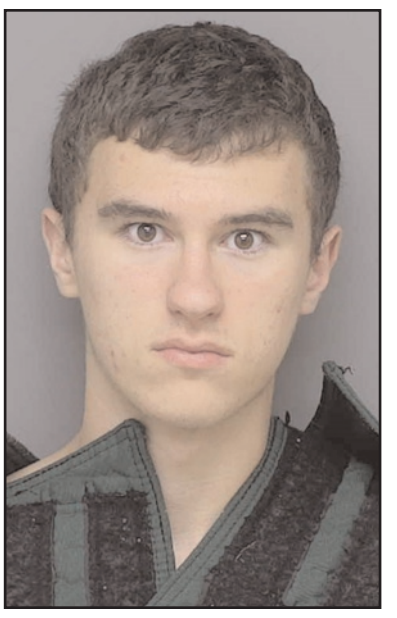
Officials were able to convince the teen to return to Brighton later that day when he was taken into custody and charged.

No motive for the shooting has been disclosed.

A report from the Michigan Center for Forensic Psychiatry earlier determined that the defendant was competent to stand trial and the case was bound over to Livingston County Circuit Court for further proceedings.

Jagst is scheduled to appear for a pre-trial hearing before Judge Michael Hatty tomorrow.

If convicted, Hayden Jagst faces up to life in prison.



Hayden Jagst

$12,000 lost by victim of phone scam

Do not pass go, do not send $200, there is no warrant out for your arrest.

That's the message from Canton Township police after a local woman was duped out of $12,000 by a phone scammer threatening her with arrest. The victim told police that the caller told her there was a warrant out for her arrest and that she needed to post a bond or be apprehended by police.

According to Canton Township officers, the scam artist told the victim that they failed to show up for a court appearance where they had been subpoenaed as a witness and that there was now an arrest warrant for them. The caller went so far as to transfer the victim to another person who claimed to be a U.S. Marshal.

Police suggest not answering calls coming from an unidentified or unknown number, although, some scammers are so sophisticated they can spoof the numbers to appear that the call is coming from a police or court agency. Police suggest insisting the caller provide a return number and then contacting the local police and have them verify the legitimacy of the call.

Year of the Tiger to be celebrated

Canton Township will celebrate the Year of the Tiger and Chinese history and culture through music, song and dance at the Village Theater and Cherry Hill on March 26.

Audience members of all ages will enjoy this evening of unique performances presented by: J.Z. Dance Studio; Ann Hua & Canton Chinese Schools; Ann Arbor Senior Group; Yangtze Melody Group; Inner Action Dance School; Taiji Stream; Blooming Blossoms Dance Group; Qing Qing Guzheng; MNCCS (Michigan New Century Chinese School); Westland Senior Apartment Dancing Team and Ann Arbor Jade Dance Studio.

Attendees can also enjoy a free pre-show cookie reception starting at 6:30 p.m., featuring displays presented by Ann Hua and Canton Chinese Schools and MNCCS (Michigan New Century Chinese School). The performances are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

This annual program is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage and members of the Chinese Festival Subcommittee.

Tickets for the event are $5 and available online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300.

Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI 48187. For more information,visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

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NORTHVILLE

Public hearing about Downs project is set

Members of the Northville Planning Commission have scheduled a public hearing regarding the site plan for the Northville Downs project for 6 p.m. next Tuesday, March 15. Commissioners stated that there would be more sessions for public discussion as the project moves forward.

The public hearing will take place at the Northville Community Center and as a large audience is expected, will be a hybrid meeting with online guests also able to voice comments. Letters and emails can be sent to the Planning Commission via City Clerk Dianne Massa prior to the meeting to be included in public comments. While the commissioners won't express their opinions on comments or debate the merits of them, they will consider the public comments as they review the site plan and discuss the project with the developer, Hunter Pasteur Northville, and associates at future meetings, according to a city spokesman.

The format the commissioners plan to follow as a guide to their discussion when reviewing the Downs site plan divides aspects of the project into five core topics: roads, pathways, connections and parking; residency, commercial land uses and locations; parks, public spaces and the Farmers Market; architecture, landscaping and aesthetics and infrastructure, financials and phasing

Each of these topics, which may be covered in any order, has a half-dozen issues that may be discussed to seek commissioner input and consensus of the commission. For each topic, commissioners could focus on the following: what is proposed per the site plan; is the proposal compliant with the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance; what flexibilities are being requested by the applicant; what flexibilities will be acceptable to the planning commission; what modifications to the site plan does the planning commission recommend, perhaps in exchange for those flexibilities and what common ground can be reached.

The planning commissioners said that due to the sheer size and scope of the Downs project, it will likely take multiple meetings to review the site plan thoughtfully. There will be an opportunity for public comment at various points in the deliberation process. As of March 3, no timeline had been set for presenting a recommendation on the Downs site plan to members of the Northville City Council.

A rendering from the Downs preliminary site plan of the corner of Cady and Griswold. Concepts by Presley Architect/M Architects.

Hot stuff

The winner of the heated Chili in the Ville Cook Off in downtown Northville last week was the Northville Township Fire Department. The secret recipe prepared by the firefighters won out over all competitors to take home year-long bragging rights, which will be especially painful for rival cooks from the Northville City Fire Department who also vied for the honor. Browndog Barlor & Restaurant was the winner among professional entries including; The Lava Grill; Lucy & The Wolf; Northville Sports Den; Sweet Brew n' Spice; Toria and the Tuscan Café. The afternoon event sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority also included ice sculptures sponsored by Dancing Eye Gallery; Center Street Grille; KB Jewelers; Orin Jewelers and Table 5.

Young artists exhibit is planned

The Northville Art House will present the sixth annual Young Artist Juried Art Fair, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold St, Northville.

More than 30 young artists, ranging in grades 2 - 12, will showcase their diverse artistic talents and be selling their original artwork during this one-day indoor fair. Featured work will include acrylic, watercolor, illustrations, jewelry, mixed media, fiber art, photography and much more. A family friendly community activity is planned in the school building where guests create their own artwork to be transformed into a full-size flag raised at the Northville Art House.

New this year, the show has partnered with the Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village with premier sponsorship by Community Financial, and non-profit sponsors including the Northville District Library and the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The event will open and close with a ringing of the historic Hirsch Building bell. Sharing their musical gifts will be the Hillside and Meads Mill elementary school singers of REMIX acapella, The Music Students of Lynda Fulgenzi and the Northville High School Honors Musicians, among other musicians. The young artists and musicians will be located throughout the Mill Race campus.

Mill Race Village will have demonstrations by the Weavers Guild in the Weaver's Cottage, free guided tours starting in the Yerkes home, and gifts and merchandise for sale in the General Store. In addition, the Northville Historical Society will provide a complimentary take home craft.

There is a suggested donation of $5 at the door to support the Young Artist Juried Art Fair. Those 12 and younger will be admitted at no cost. For more information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit https://northvillearthouse.org/yaaf/.

Charter Township of Northville
Wayne County, Michigan

Notice of Public Hearing:
Thursday, March 17, 2022
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application for Seven Mile Road Trail

The Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall Assembly Room located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, regarding the funding for the construction of a proposed trail along Seven Mile Road, between Hines Park Trail (west of Northville Road) and an existing pathway (approximately 3,300 feet west of Haggerty Road).

If you are unable to attend the meeting, written comments may be submitted to the attention of Roger Lundberg, Clerk, Northville Township, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168 or rlundberg@twp.northville.mi.us.

Roger Lundberg, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the Township of Canton:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, must be cut and destroyed on or before the 1st day of May, June, July, August, September, and October 2022 and/or as needed. And every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the date mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of the penalties set forth in Ordinance Number 64, of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner or to the occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School Tax Roll or the next General Township Tax Roll and/or the Township may place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expense.

The township may notify by certified mail, with return receipt requested, the owner, agent, or occupant, as shown on the current county and school tax roll, of any lands on which such noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain methods of treating and eradicating such noxious weeds and a summary of the provisions of this section. Failure of the township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided in this article or any debt created under this article.

NOTICE TO CUT LAWN GRASS IN EXCESS OF FIVE INCHES

The township shall notify the violator of excessive lawn grass in the same manner as provided for in Ord. No. 78-2(c).

(Ord. No. 64, as amended, § 6, 6-24-1997; Ord. of 8-9-2016(1), § 1)

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Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

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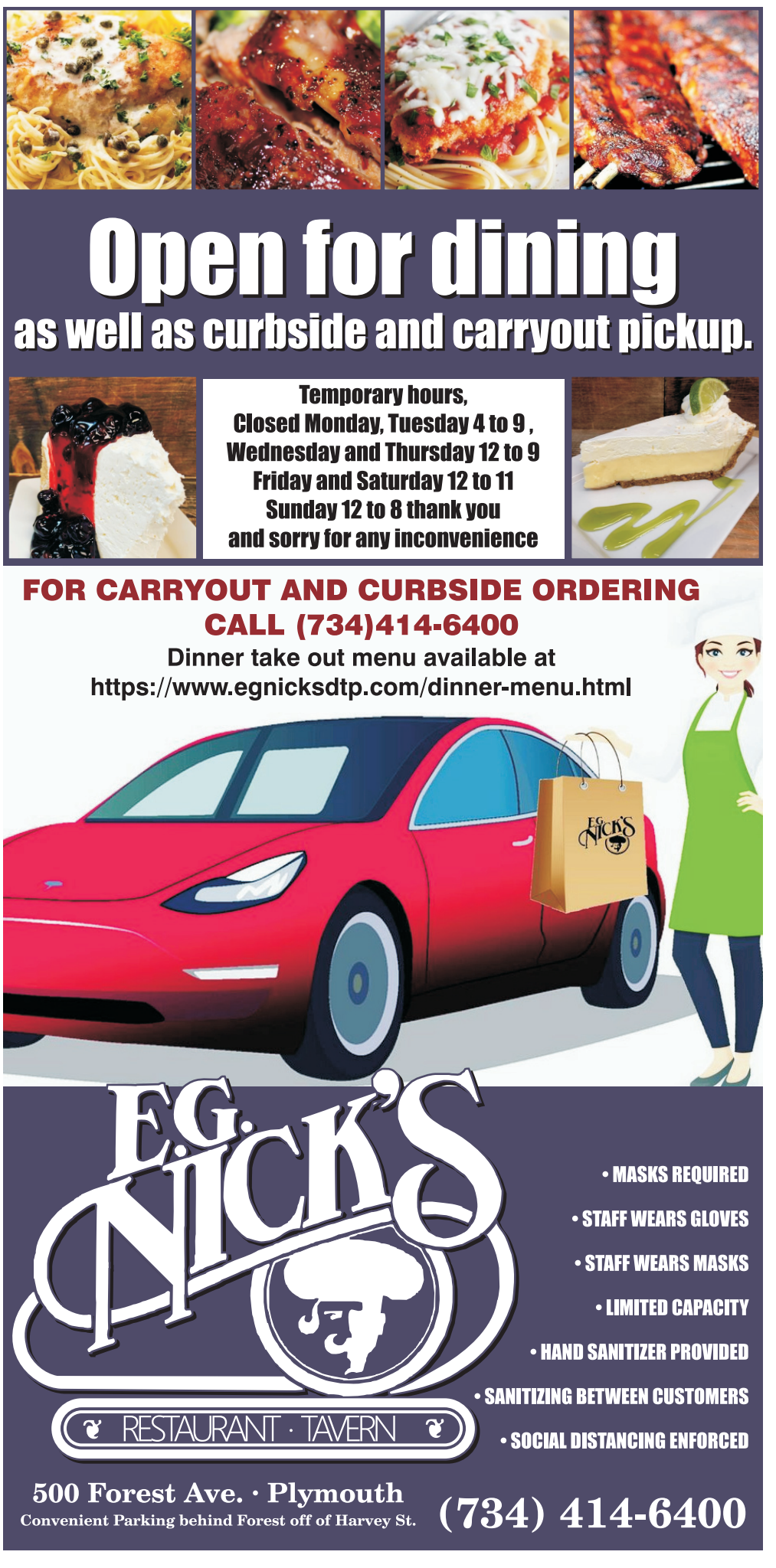
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Romulus - Sumpter

Old Glory

Clerk's office dedicates 48-star flag to Sumpter Township Hall

There is a piece of history now on display at Sumpter Township Hall.

A 62-year-old American flag is now encased in a display frame and mounted carefully on the wall of the building after spending decades stuffed in a plastic bag in a township storage area. The 48-star flag was discovered by Dawn Hadyniak of Township Clerk Esther Hurst's office in the storage garage almost four years ago.

Hadyniak, who suspected the historic significance of the flag, safeguarded it until time permitted research into the provenance of the American symbol. In 2021, during the pandemic, Hadyniak and others discovered that flags with 48 stars served as the official banner of the country from July 4, 1912 until July 3, 1959 when they were retired and replaced with the 50-star flags flown today. The 48 stars represented the American states and with the inclusion of Hawaii and Alaska, a new design incorporated 50 stars to represent all 50 states.

The 48-star flag design, however, had served the United States of America for 47 years, longer than any other flag in the history of the country. Similar flags were

> *The 48-star flag design served the United States of America for 47 years.*

flown through two World Wars and numerous historical events. The 48-star design served the country through eight presidential administrations: William Taft (1900-1913), Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921), Warren Harding (1921-1923), Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929), Herbert Hoover (1929-1933), Franklin Roosevelt (1933-1945), Harry Truman (1945-1953) and Dwight Eisenhower (1953-1961).

Hadyniak and Hurst were determined to display the historic flag as allowed by federal law, but in researching display boxes found steep prices for poor quality with no guarantee of availability. That's when they decided to use the resources they already had available in the township Department of Public Works. During a conceptual conversation with DPW employees Randy Lynch and Michael Petrowski last year, they all agreed on a design for a wall-mounted display cabinet for the historic flag.

There was a great deal of consideration into the choice of wood, display fabric and mounting when the discussion began in November of 2021 and Lynch and Petrowski selected the oak, plexiglass and display board eventually used. Hadyniak and Maryann Watson selected the backing fabric and color after extensive research to determine the appropriate choices.

When the specially-ordered fabric was delivered, upholstery instructor Wanda Watkins professionally attached it to the backing board of the shadowbox frame that had been custom-built by Lynch and Petrowski. The flag was carefully fitted into the case and mounted in township hall on Feb. 16.

A dedication document was prepared noting the history of the flag display and concluding, "The Flag of the United States of America is dedicated to the Township of Sumpter, Michigan, its Citizens and the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees in the year 2022 by Clerk Esther L. Hurst and The Clerk's Office."

The 62-year-old American flag is now displayed at Sumpter Township Hall.

School consultant sets first public 'listening session'

During the Feb. 28 meeting of the Romulus City Council, Mayor Robert McCraight introduced Dr. Kari Krantz and explained that she was working as a consultant during the Romulus District Schools search for a new superintendent.

Krantz, of KSK Consulting, told the council members that she was a third-party consultant working with the school district to evaluate the needs of the community. She said she would be working in the city during the next few weeks spending half a day in each elementary school.

"I am impressed with the warmth of the community," she told the members of the council.

Krantz explained that she had been hired to listen to community members and would be scheduling a series of events so "people can tell me what their points of pride are" along with the challenges they see in the district. She said the information gathered during these meetings would be shared with school officials in the search for the next superindendent.

"I am taking this job very seriously," she said, noting that she has 30 years of experience as an educator and assistant superintendent. "My strengths are instruction and building a culture of trust," she said.

She said she would host the first "listening session" from 6 until 8 p.m. March 15, tentatively at the Progressive Hall in Romulus. She explained that no definite location had been secured at the time of the council meeting, but that she expected this would be the site of the meeting for the public to express their opinions regarding the needs of the district.

> *I've held these sessions before and they have always been very productive.*

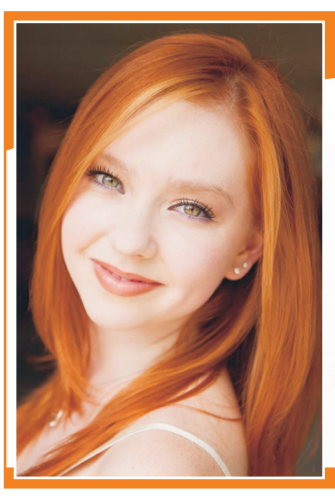
"I'm hoping to get about 20 people," she said. "This will be a neutral place designed for people to be very honest. It is not a place where we're going to have a discussion. We're not going to debate and we're not going to argue. Everybody there will have an opportunity to answer posed questions and everyone will be actively listening to one another.

"I've held these sessions before and they have always been very productive. It is a very safe and trusting environment," she said, and issued a personal invitation to each of the council members to attend.

Councilwoman Tina Talley thanked Krantz and said that she appreciated the personal invitation.

"That's huge," she said. "We are all one community, our schools, our city, our courts , our businesses, our churches. We are one community," she said. "I think this is a path for unity for our city."

The members of the Romulus Community Schools District Board of Education hired Dr. Donald B. Weatherspoon as interim superintendent of schools on Jan. 13 following the controversial termination of Dr. Benjamin Edmondson at the end of December. Edmondson is currently suing the board for racial discrimination and other charges. According to Board President Debi Pyles, Weatherspoon is a longtime fixture in the Michigan education community known for his work with school around the state as an emergency manager and brings statewide experience solving school management challenges..



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SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REQUEST FOR
ZONING VARIANCE

The Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing at Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at;

6:00 pm, Wednesday
March 30, 2022

regarding the request for the following variance.

NATURE OF THE REQUEST

The Township is in receipt of an application requesting a dimensional variance to allow a reduction of the side yard setback to four (4') feet in order to construct a detached garage. The required side yard setback at this location is ten (10') feet.

SITE LOCATION

The site of the requested variance is 45972 Bontekoe Ave, Belleville, MI 48111.

This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask question, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

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Jones loses drivers license, takes radio host job

State Rep. Jewell Jones from Inkster will have his drivers license suspended for six months as part of his sentencing on multiple charges following a drunk driving arrest last April.

In a social media post this week, Jones claims he was notified by mail of the suspension as part of his plea deal on felony and misdemeanor charges including resisting and obstructing police, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, possessing a weapon while intoxicated, reckless driving, and escape of lawful custody. As part of a plea deal with prosecutors, Jones was allowed to take advantage of a youth sentencing program called the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, which will expunge the felony convictions from his record if he successfully completes the program.

Jones also announced that he is joining Farmington Hills-based WFDF 910 AM radio as a 7 until 9 a.m. morning host replacing former Flint Mayor Karen Weaver. Radio station CEO Kevin Adell confirmed Jones' new Monday through Friday job in a brief prepared release.

> *Jones also announced that he is joining Farmington Hills-based WFDF 910 AM radio as a morning host.*

"I am pleased... [to] welcome Jewell to the 910am Superstation family as the successor to Karen Weaver who did a great job during her time here at the radio station," Adell said.

While Jones remains in his state elected position, he was stripped of all committee assignments as criminal charges mounted against him. He was also suspended from the Inkster Auxiliary Police and required to return all police equipment.

The original charges stem from Jones' April 6, 2021 arrest after police received multiple 911 calls about an erratic driver on Interstate 96. When police and state troopers arrived on the scene, they found Jones with a female companion outside his vehicle which was in a ditch at the side of the roadway. According to police reports and body cameras, Jones became belligerent and combative during the encounter and refused to provide identification, instead threatening officers with calling the governor. Police reported that the altercation intensified as EMTs called to the scene attempted to treat his female companion who was "unresponsive" at the scene. Jones was tased twice and pepper sprayed during attempts to subdue and arrest him. Blood tests taken hours later showed his blood alcohol level at more than twice the legal limit of .08. Officers also observed a loaded handgun in plain sight on the vehicle console.

Following multiple violations of his bond conditions, including attempts to tamper with an ankle alcohol monitor, Jones' bond was revoked by the court and he was remanded to the Livingston County Jail. During intake procedures, officers discovered a handcuff key taped to the bottom of his foot, resulting in additional felony charges.

In his social media announcement of his new radio job, Jones implied the 2-hour broadcast might offer listeners an opportunity to offer opinions.

"I once heard a wise man say, if you get knocked down, fall on your back, 'cause if you can look up, you can get up! And I'll be getting up every morning, Monday thru Friday, from 7am to 9am (sic) to share a piece of my mind, and give you a chance to share a piece of yours," Jones said in an announcement post to Instagram.

Jones' attorney, former Inkster Mayor Byron Nolen said the expungement of the felony charges was important to his client. He said he advised Jones to take advantage of the opportunity to tell his story.

Rep. Jewell Jones

"To plead guilty to two felonies, but they never hit your record when you successfully complete probation, not to have a felony record is important, especially for somebody like him who may still be interested in politics, who knows what he does," Nolen said.

Volunteers are sought for annual city clean-up day

Wayne Ripple Effect is partnering with the Rotary Club of Wayne to conduct a city-wide cleanup of the roads and paths bordering the Rouge River.

The Rotary Club of Wayne is celebrating its 100-year anniversary by performing one service project per month. The project this month is the Annual Downtown Wayne Clean-Up set for 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, April 23.

A morning snack bar will be provided and pizza will be served to volunteers at noon.

Volunteers are needed for the event, a spokesperson noted. Volunteers are encouraged to wear old clothes, masks, and bring gloves. Those who wish to take advantage of this community service opportunity should bring brooms, shovels, and other cleaning equipment, if possible. Trash bags will be provided.

> *Those who register after April 11 may not be guaranteed a souvenir tee shirt.*

Volunteers will meet at Goudy Park at 8:30 a.m. for registration.

In addition to the Rotary Club of Wayne, sponsors this year include Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Professional Insurance Associates, Judge Breeda O'Leary and Pat Rice RE/MAX Classic. Help will also be provided by members of the City of Wayne Department of Public Works.

Those who register after April 11 may not be guaranteed a souvenir tee shirt. To register, visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/downtown-wayne-clean-up-day-2022-tickets-272233607047

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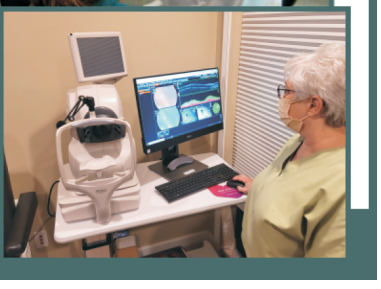

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First among many

As part of national Women's History Month, Westland officials recently paid tribute to the late Justine Barns. Mrs. Barns, who started her political career as a PTA member, was elected as a Michigan State House Representative after careers on the Westland City Council and multiple volunteer roles in the community. Mrs. Barns was a trailblazer and a “remarkable State Representative, Councilwoman, philanthropist, leader and friend. Our community is a better place because of her countless contributions,” officials said. Mrs. Barns served on the original Charter Committee when Nankin Township was converted to the City of Westland. She dedicated many years of service to the city before going on to serve in the House of Representatives and after spending 12 years at the State Capitol, returned to serve another four years on Westland City Council before her retirement. “With a large list of firsts, Westland is proud to call her our “First” Westland councilmember on the “First' city council as well as the “First” woman president to serve the council. She was also memorialized with the naming of the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center in the community she loved.” March is designated as Women's History Month, set aside to honor women's contributions in American history.

Reward offered in search for suspect in fatal shootings

Christopher Greer

Crime Stoppers of Michigan is offering a reward of up to $5,000 for information leading to the arrest of a man suspected of fatally shooting two women in the City of Wayne on Jan. 5.

Sisters Dominique Parchmon, 30, and Shyanna Hall, 18, were killed at about 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5 in an apartment on the 3300 block of Niagara Street in Wayne. The suspect in the shooting deaths was identified as 32-year-old Christopher Greer, a former long-time boyfriend of Parchmon.

> *Hall identified Greer as the man who shot her and her sister.*

Before her death at a nearby hospital, Hall identified Greer as the man who shot her and her sister. She told police that an argument between Parchmon and Greer escalated into the shooting. Parchmon died at the scene, according to police reports.

Greer reportedly fled the scene immediately after the shooting in Parchmon's 2006 Dodge Charger. Police later discovered the abandoned vehicle in Ypsilanti Township near Michigan Avenue and Hewitt Road.

Greer is described as a Black man about 5-feet, 9-inches tall weighing 180 pounds. Police said that while he may have attempted to change his appearance, he has a prominent scar on his right cheek.

Crime Stoppers is asking the public for any information leading to Greer's whereabouts and suggests making an anonymous call to 1-800-SPEAK-UP or visit the website at http://1800speakup.orb. Tips can also be called into the U.S. Marshals Service at (313) 202-6458 or the Wayne police at (734) 721-1598 or emailed to fcarter@cityofwayne.com.

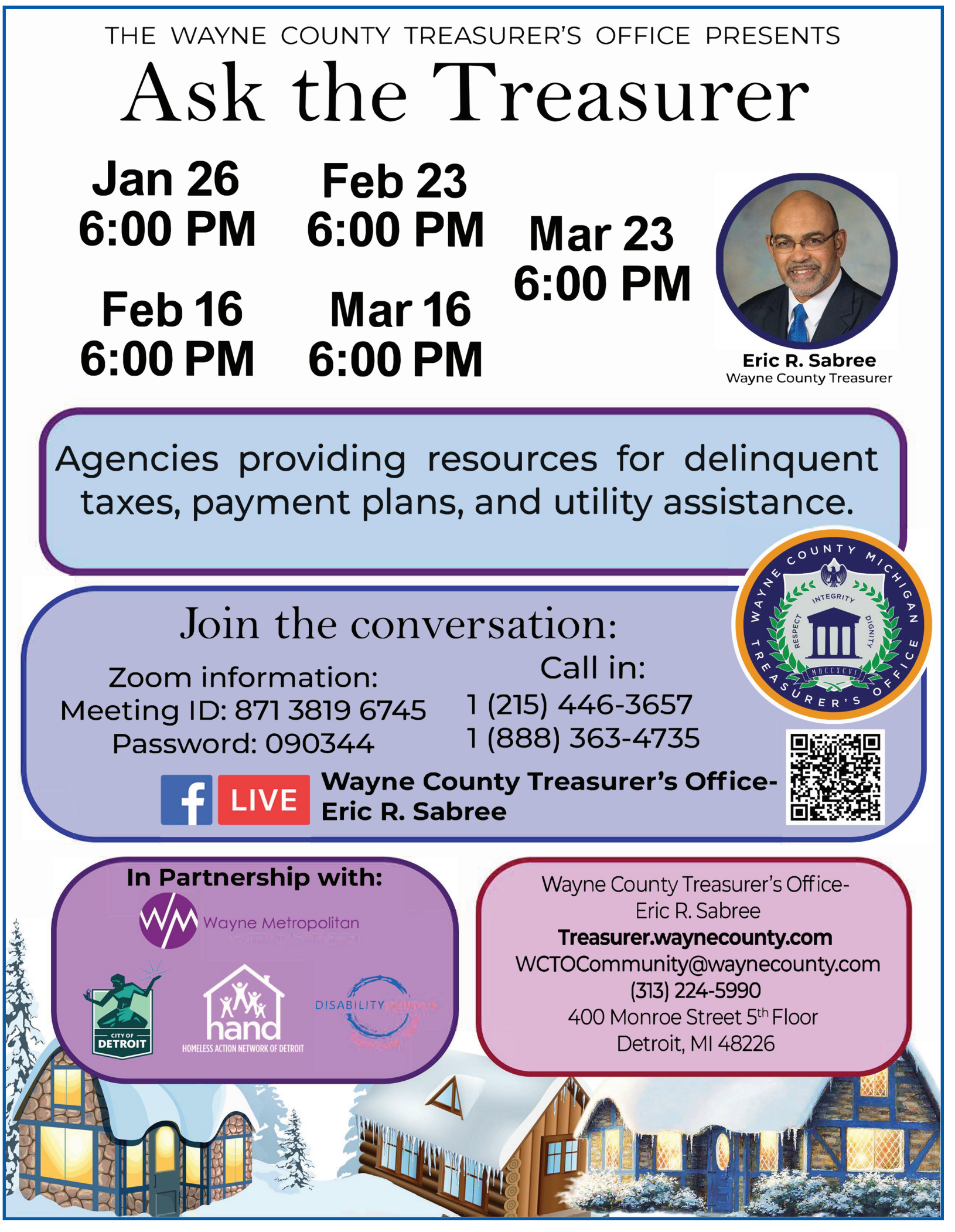
St. John's expansion approved

Members of the Plymouth Township Planning Commission unanimously recommended massive expansion plans at The Inn at St. Johns. The plans include the addition of a new 14,000 square-foot ballroom, a ceremony pavilion and an expansion of the golf pro shop. The plans will now to the members of the township board of trustees for consideration.

"The Pulte family's commitment to doing things right, I don't think that's a question," commented Francis Resendes of the Resendes Design Group which has done much of the previous work at the St. John's site. He said the expansion would take about 12-16 months once begun.

Inspire auditions planned

Inspire Theatre in Westland has scheduled auditions for a performance of Guys and Dolls from 6 until 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 11 and 12.

Guys and Dolls is an award-winning classic with a plot featuring New York's most infamous crap game organizer Nathan Detroit. He challenges notorious gambler Sky Masterson to a bet he's sure he'll win: take mission girl Sarah Brown to dinner in Havana, Cuba. Sky accepts and pursues the known prude, seemingly hopelessly, while Nathan deals with his own situation, his 14-year fiancée, Adelaide, who is tired of waiting for a wedding.

Inspire Theatre is located at 33455 Warren Road in Westland. At this time, mask wearing is required but subject to change. For more information, call (734) 751-7057.